# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION	§ s	No. 12-md-2323 (AB)
INJURY LITIGATION	8 §	MDL No. 2323
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:	§	
	§ .	IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL
Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-	§	LEAGUE PLAYERS'
Form Complaint and	§	CONCUSSION INJURY
	§	LITIGATION
ERIC DICKERSON	§	
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V.	§	
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THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE	§	
USDC, SDTX NO. 4:12-cv-01548	8	
USDC, EDPA NO. 2:12-cv-03338-AB	§ §	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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### **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff(s), <u>Eric Dickerson</u> and, if applicable,

  Plaintiff's Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_\_, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS'

  CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION, MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this Short Form Complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form

Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

4.	[Fill in if applicable] P	laintiff is filing this cas	e in a represen	ntative capacity
as the	of	, having	been duly app	ointed as the
	By the	Court of		. (Cross out
Sentence	below if not applicable.)	Copies of the Letter	rs of Admini	stration/Letters
Testamen	tary for a wrongful death cl	aim are armexed hereto	if such Lette	rs are required
for the co	ommencement of such a cla	aim by the Probate, Su	rrogate or oth	ner appropriate
court of the	ne jurisdiction of the deceder	nt.		
5.	Plaintiff, Eric Dic	ekerson	is a	resident and
citizen of	Calabasas, CA	and claims dam	ages as set for	th below.
6.	[Fill in if applicable] P	laintiff's spouse,		, is a
resident a	nd citizen of	and claims dan	nages as a res	sult of loss of
consortiu	m proximately caused by the	harm suffered by her I	Plaintiff husba	nd/decedent.
7.	On information and be	lief, the Plaintiff (or de	ecedent) sustai	ined repetitive,
traumatic	sub-concussive and/or cor	ncussive head impacts	during NFL	games and/or
practices.	On information and bel	ief, Plaintiff suffers (	or decedent s	suffered) from
symptoms	s of brain injury caused b	y the repetitive, traun	natic sub-con-	cussive and/or
concussiv	e head impacts the Plaintiff	(or decedent) sustaine	d during NFL	games and/or
practices.	On information and belief,	the Plaintiff's (or dece	dent's) sympto	oms arise from

8. [Fill in if applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in the <u>USDC</u>, <u>Southern District of Texas</u>, <u>Houston Division</u>. If the case is

injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.

remanded, it should be remanded to the <u>USDC</u>, <u>Southern District of Texas</u>, <u>Houston Division</u>.

9.	Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:
	✓ Injury to Herself/Himself;
	Injury to the Person Represented;
	Wrongful Death;
	Survivorship Action;
	✓ Economic Loss;
	Loss of Services;
	Loss of Consortium.
10.	[Fill in if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband,
	, Plaintiff's Spouse,, suffers from a
loss of conso	rtium, including the following injuries:
	loss of marital services;
	loss of companionship, affection or society;
	loss of support; and
	monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to
expend for th	e heath care and personal care of her husband.
11.	[Check if applicable] $\checkmark$ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable)
reserve(s) the	right to object to federal jurisdiction.

#### **DEFENDANTS**

12. Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the following Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:

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✓ National Football League;
✓ NFL Properties, LLC;
✓ Riddell, Inc.;
✓ All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.);
✓ Riddell Sports Group, Inc.;
✓ Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.;
✓ Easton-Bell Sports, LLC
✓ EB Sports Corporation;
✓ RBG Holdings Corporation.
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- 13. [Check where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants referenced above, the claims asserted are: ✓ design defect; ✓ informational defect; \_\_manufacturing defect.
- 14. [Check if applicable] ✓ The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more helmets designed and/or manufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaintiff (or decedent) played in the NFL and/or AFL.
- 15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable) ✓ the National Football League("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] the American Football League ("AFL") during

1983 to 198	7, 1987 to 1991, 1991 to 1992, and 1993	for the
following te	eams: Los Angeles Rams, Indianapolis Colts, Oakland Raid	ders, and Atlanta
Falcons	······································	
	<b>CAUSES OF ACTION</b>	
16.	Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of	of the Master
Administrat	ive Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations	incorporated by
Reference in	n those Counts [check all that apply]:	
	✓ Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Aga	ainst the NFL);
	✓ Count II (Medical Monitoring [Against the NFL]);	
	Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions [Again	inst the NFL]);
	✓ Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment [Against the NFL]	);
	✓ Count V (Fraud [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation [Against the N	FL]);
	Count VII Negligence Pre-1968 Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 [Against the NFL])	;
	✓ Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count X (Negligence Post-1994 [Against the NFL]);	
	Count XI (Loss of Consortium [Against the NFL and F	Riddell
	Defendants]);	
	✓ Count XII (Negligent Hiring [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count XIII (Negligent Retention [Against the NFL]);	
	✓ Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect [Against	the
	Riddell Defendants]):	

		Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect [Against the
		Riddell Defendants]);
		✓ Count XVI (Failure to Warn [Against the Riddell Defendants]);
		✓ Count XVII (Negligence [Against the Riddell Defendants]);
		✓ Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment [Against
		the NFL Defendants]).
	17.	Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or
attach]	]:	

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Wherefore, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable), pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;

- F. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### JURY DEMANDED

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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